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UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION STATISTICS.

A COMPARISON of the enrolment at the institutions indicated in the table for the fall of 1905 with the figures for the previous year will show that on the whole the gains in the different institutions are not so marked as they have been in previous years; indeed, a number of prominent institutions show a decrease in attendance compared with 1904. Among these are the University of California, Columbia, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Northwestern and Princeton. The most consistent gains have been made by the University of Pennsylvania, Syracuse and Yale in the east, and by Chicago, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio State in the west. The most pleasing feature of the development is the general desire all along the line to advance the standard of requirements for entrance, particularly in the professional schools, and in a considerable number of institutions the decrease in registration may be attributed to this factor. The daily press is still commenting upon the growth of the western institutions and calling attention to a loss in the number of students from the west attending higher institutions of learning in the east. As was pointed out by the writer in an article on the geographical distribution of the student body at a number of American universities,[1] there has in reality been no ap-

[1] Cf. SCIENCE, N. S., Vol. XXII., No. 562, October 6, 1905, pp. 424–428.